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Our compliments to the Corona Typewriter Co., Ltd., and to its active managing director, A. W. Pollard, on its move to a showroom in the Strand at No. 55. It is hardly six months since we announced the opening of this company's place at 3-7 Southampton street, and we have reported monthly additions of provincial dealers to the Corona selling organization. Now we report the big move of opening showrooms at 55 Strand, W. C. This is not far from Charing Cross and right in the hotel district. It occupies the entire ground floor, which is 70 feet deep. The Corona company is setting a good example and we wish it further success.

A. D. Klaber, the founder of Roneo, Ltd., died on June 29 after a short illness, and as the result of an operation. The house of Roneo, to-day a world-wide organization, will ever remain a monument to his work. The office equipment industry loses one of its greatest business builders.

The International Multigraph Co., 59 Holborn Viaduct, E. C., has favored us with a catalog of its letter folder, which it is now pushing. Like all the Gammeter literature, it is interesting and attractive. This high-class office equipment product enjoys a large sale these days. We compliment J. W. Harrison, the general manager of the company, on his activity and the general extension of his provincial business.

On various occasions it has been brought home to the TOPICS man by those who sell high-class office equipment products at high prices that they have a larger sale for their goods than ever before. It is a fact that many of the smaller manufacturers throughout the country have big British and foreign government orders, and besides this the orders for commercial goods from Great Britain and foreign countries are responsible for an unknown activity in certain commercial manufacturing centers of the British Isles. This is the cause for the increase of sales of many office equipment products.

Robert Heens, associate in the firm of Heens Frères, of Liege, called on us. His firm is agent for the L. C. Smith & Bros. typewriter, and Robert Heens is at present active in the London organization of the L. C. Smith & Bros. Typewriter Co., Ltd.

Ed Guest, of the County Office Appliance Co., Leeds, called on us while in town, and we were glad to make his acquaintance.

The Victoria Copier Co., 11 Queen Victoria street, E. C., desires to hear from manufacturers of office equipment with a view of introducing its goods throughout the British Isles.

The Muldivo calculating machine, now marketed in the British Isles and colonies by the Muldivo Calculating Machine Co., 40 Queen Victoria street, E. C., is a French-made calculator. The machine is well known in many countries, where it has been sold for years. H. E. Longini, the head of this company, was formerly the Belgian agent of the "Muldivo" and knows the merits of the machine.

Prrière de mentioner TOPICS en écrivant aux fabricants faisant de la publicité

Fred Radford, who has been for six years in the ribbon and carbon paper line, has joined the Orion Co., 110 Fenchurch street, E. C. His firm deals in ribbons and carbon papers and is open to handle some office specialties.

The Institute of Industry and Science is organizing an Empire Exhibition, and it is intended to hold the exhibition on the Aldwych site in the Strand.

E. & F. Gyles, typefounders, 5 Crawford Passage, Farringdon road, E. C., have returned to the advertising columns of TOPICS. They are makers of types for duplicating machines. The type used in their advertisement is 12-point Remington universal face. The business was established in 1864 and for the last 10 years the company has been progressing in the manufacture of types for duplicating machines. E. F. Gyles is the sole proprietor and active head of the concern. His brother left the firm some months ago.

Those who desire to inspect the new models of the "Imperial" typewriter should call at the company's offices in Queen Victoria street, E. C.

A TOPICS man has been shown over the factory for rebuilt typewriters recently organized by Miller, Drake & Co., Gt. St. Thomas Apostle, E. C. At this address the company has offices and warehouse, and the rebuilding is done at 184 Upper Thames street, E. C. In the rebuilding factory plenty of light is provided. Enameling is done as well, and a special installation is there to clean old machines rapidly; this proves to be a real time saver. R. Parker Drake, the head of the undertaking, has had quite some experience in the rebuilt typewriter line, and from what we saw we expect the time is not far off when the company will have to take larger premises.

A Russian Chamber of Commerce has been opened in London at 16 Regent street, S. W. The Chamber was formed as a result of the recommendations of the Commercial Committee of the House of Commons, which was recently requested by the late Chancellor of the Exchequer to report on the conditions prevailing in the import and export trades between the British Isles and Russia.

A Fine Record Under Adverse Circumstances

Walter Knox, managing director for the Royal Typewriter Co. in Great Britain, pulled down the prize for the best record for collections given by Mr. Lord, treasurer of the company. It covered the period of the first six months in the present year. The remarkable thing about the accomplishment of friend Knox is that he is in a veritable hotbed of war conditions, whereas the offices which competed with him are chiefly in the United States. We have several times called attention to the utter foolishness of the mental attitude taken by people in the United States as a consequence of the war; business conditions are now, and continually have been, better in many countries of Europe than in the United States, to the burning shame of many pessimists on the western side of the Atlantic.

Russia Looks Ahead

It is officially announced that the Russian Government has entered into an agreement with the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. for a through goods service with North America, via Vladivostok.

The agreement eliminates the former cumbersome and expensive methods relating to the consignment of goods to Vladivostok and the handling by intermediaries.

The necessary ocean transportation will be carried on by the Russian Volunteer Fleet and the East Asiatic Steamship Co. or by steamers chartered by those concerns.

These arrangements will have a far-reaching effect upon Russian-Canadian trade, and facilitates transportation.